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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 11th December, 2024.

No.POL.46/2024/Pt./7. - The following Notification issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs is republished for general information.

C. V. D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Political) Department.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 13th November, 2024.

S.O. 4920 (E). - WHEREAS, the Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (hereinafter referred to as the HNLC) along with all its factions, wings and front organisations of Meghalaya has been involved in such activities which are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government is of the opinion that the HNLC has, -

- (i) declared objective for secession of areas in the State of Meghalaya, largely-inhabited by Khasi and Jaintia tribes from India;
- (ii) continued intimidation and bullying of the civilian population for extortion of funds for their organisation;
- (iii) maintained links with other insurgent groups of the North Eastern region for carrying out acts of extortion and intimidation;
- (iv) indulged in forty-eight criminal cases, including several cases of explosions or planting of explosives in the State of Meghalaya, during the period from 16th November, 2019 to 30th June, 2024;

AND WHEREAS, the following has also been noted during the period from 16th November, 2019 to 30th June, 2024, -

- (i) arrest of seventy-three of its cadres during the said period;
- (ii) surrender of three of its cadres during the said period;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Meghalaya has also recommended for declaration of the HNLC as an unlawful association under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967);

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government is also of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the HNLC are detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India, and if these are not immediately curbed and controlled, the HNLC may regroup and rearm itself, expand its cadres, procure sophisticated weapons, cause loss of lives of civilians and security forces and properties and thereby accelerate its anti-national activities;

AND WHEREAS, the Central Government is also of the opinion that for the reasons aforesaid, it is necessary to declare the HNLC together with its factions, wings and front organisations, as an unlawful association;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby declares the Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), along with all its factions, wings and front organisations as an unlawful association:

The Central Government, having regard to the unlawful activities mentioned above, and the unlawful activities committed in the past by the Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), is of the opinion that circumstances exist which render it necessary to declare the Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), along with all its factions, wings and front organisations as an unlawful association with immediate effect and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have immediate effect from the 16th November, 2024 for a period of five years.

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PIYUSH GOYAL, Addl. Secy.